[16th March 1929

Supply of water to the Lower Coleroon Anicut System.

*1757 Q.—Swami A. S. SAHAJANANDAM: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Lower Coleroon Anicut system has been treated as part and parcel of the Cauvery Delta in fixing the Cauvery arbitration award from the Mysore Government;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Coleroon at the Upper Anicut was having the spill over the middle shutters prior to the fixing of the present lift shutters;

(c) if the reply is in the affirmative, what are the compensatory provisions made, after the erection of the lift shutters, in the rules framed for their working; and

(d) what provision has been made to ensure regular supply to the Lower Coleroon Anicut System before any supply is drawn to the new area under Mettur canals?

A.—(a) The arbitrator's award of 1914 was set aside by the Secretary of State. But in the subsequent negotiations which resulted in the agreement of 1924, the limit gauges agreed to in Rule 7 of the Rules of Regulation take account of both the Cauvery delta and the Lower Coleroon Anicut systems.

(b) & (c) A copy [a] of the Chief Engineer's letter No. 3047/B-7-28, dated 6th February 1929, which explains the position is placed on the table.

(d) A report has been called for on this point which refers to future arrangements.

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR:—"With reference to the answer to clause (d), may I ask whether the hon. the Revenue Member will be pleased to place the report on the table of the House as and when received, with the order of the Government thereon?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"The future arrangements on the completion of the Mettur project may take a long time to settle. Anyhow, the Government will consider the suggestion."

Repairs to damages caused by floods in the East Godavari Agency.

*1758 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the cost of damage caused in 1928-29 in the East Godavari Agency to roads, bridges and tanks;

(b) the amount required for repairing or reconstructing the same; and

(c) how much of this will be provided for in the budget for 1929-30?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have called for a report.

(c) A provision of Rs. 47,000 for the reconstruction of the Byneru bridge, Rs. 10,000 for the restoration of the Jangareddigudem-Jellagumalli road and Rs. 30,000 for the restoration of the Byenna weir has been made in the budget estimate for 1929-30.

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 304 infra.